GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2154
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2000
FOREIGN TOURS BY SENIOR OFFICERS
DUKHA BHAGAT;MADAN PRASAD JAISWAL

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director, Joint Secretary and Secretary ievei officers go on foreign tours for official purposes:

(b) if so, the criteria laid down for such tours along with the method of selection of officers;

(c) the expenditure incurred on the foreign tours of these officers during the last two years:

(d) whether the Government have any mechanism to ascertain whether or not such tours were justified; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL):

(a) Yes. Sir.

(b), (d) and (e) The need for the delegation is carefully scruthnized by the Screening Committee and the officers are allowed to proceed only where sufficient justification exists.

(c) The information is not centrally maintained and will have to be collected from all the Ministries/ Departments. It will be laid on the Table of the House as early as possible.